

Appl. No. 10/833,098
Amdt. dated August 6, 2004
Reply to Office Action of May 17, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, claims 25, 27, 28 and 32 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hasse et al (DE 32 26 569 A1) in view of Krantz (US 4,431,251), and claims 33-35 and 42-43 were rejected under 35 USC 103, as was claim 32, and further in view of Ward (US 5,599,208) for reasons set forth in the Office Action.

Allowable subject matter is present in claims 26 and 36-41, and claims 29-31 are allowed.

The claims have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 103, and to obtain their allowance.

Claim 25 is amended to include the subject matter of claim 26, claim 26 being canceled in view of the inclusion of its subject matter in claim 25. Claim 27 is amended to include subject matter of claim 28 plus further description of the arrangement of the openings as disclosed in Fig. 4, this arrangement not being shown in the cited art. Claim 28 is canceled in view of the inclusion of its subject matter in claim 27.

Each of claims 36 and 37 is rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of claims 32, 34 and 35, claims 32, 34 and 35 being canceled in view of the inclusion of their subject matter in claim 36 and in claim 37. Claims 38-41 depend from claim 37 and accordingly are believed to be allowable.

Claim 33 is amended to include subject matter from claim 32 dealing with suppression and is made dependent from claim 25. Claim 33 is believed to be allowable in view of its dependency from claim 25.

Each of claims 42 and 43 is made dependent from claim 36 so as to obtain allowance of claims 42 and 43.

Accordingly, all of the claims are believed to be allowable.

Deposit account forms in the amount of \$86 are presented to cover the Government fee for presenting one extra independent claim. There is now a total of five independent claims one of which was previously paid for.


In the event there are further issues remaining the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone attorney to reach agreement to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Since the present claims set forth the present invention patentably and distinctly, and are not taught by the cited art either taken alone or in combination, this amendment is believed to place this case in condition for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the matter, enter this amendment, and to allow all of the claims in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the accompanying Amendment and Deposit Account Charge are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 6, 2004.

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